

BASEBALL PLAYERS MAY AFFILIATE WITH LABOR FEDERATION; THE LEADERS IN IMPORTANT MEET

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—A new phase of the threatened strike of the baseball players' fraternity developed here today when it was learned that Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and President David L. Puig, of the Players' organization, had been in conference relating to the proposed action of the players' members in refusing to sign 1917 baseball contracts until such time as the minor league magnates should grant requests made by the players.

When asked if the fraternity was a member of the labor federation, Gompers replied: "Not yet, but soon, I expect. While the players' organization is not affiliated with us yet, I am in full sympathy with their requests and actions, and they have my moral support. I am deeply interested in the welfare of the ball players and they will have my support in any action that they may see fit to take in order to better existing conditions."

President E. B. Johnson of the American League arrived today from Chicago.

He said he had come to attend the meeting of the schedule committee. Johnson said he did not care to talk about the players' proposed strike, but that if it materialized, the American League had enough players under contract to start the season and that others would be secured to fill any vacancies that might exist.

"I do not think," he said, "that the players of the major leagues will carry out their contentions so far as to strike, but if they do, we will be prepared to meet the emergency as usual. I am of the opinion that if the major leagues strike it will be a violation of the agreement made with the fraternity at Cincinnati several years ago and such action virtually will cancel the compact and dissolve the club members from the terms of the agreement."

Johnson also said that he was not in favor of the plan to divide the proceeds of the players' share of the world's championship among any except the competing club players. "To the victors belong the spoils," he added.

TRAINING CAMPS PICKED FOR ALL THE MAJOR LEAGUE TEAMS

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NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—According to the tentatively announced plans of the major league baseball clubs more than 70 per cent of the teams will return to last year's camps for the spring training preliminary to the 1917 pennant races. But one club in the American league will work out the muscle knuts on a new field. The National league teams show a more restless spirit, three of the clubs having stated that their players will prepare for the diamond battles under different surroundings next March.

The Chicago Nationals will train at Pasadena, Cal., this spring in place of Tampa, Fla.; Pittsburgh has planned to shift from Hot Springs, Ark., to Columbus, Ga., while Brooklyn is expected to desert Daytona, Fla., for the diamond left vacant by Pittsburgh at Hot Springs. In the American league, Clarke Griffith will take the Washington team to Augusta, Ga., instead of returning to Charlottesville, Va., where the Nationals have trained for several seasons. All the other junior league clubs will journey to their old camps. The full list of the National and the American league training quarters for the coming spring are as follows:

National League	
Club	Camp
Chicago	Pasadena, Cal.
New York	Marlin, Tex.
Pittsburgh	Columbus, Ga.
Cincinnati	Shreveport, La.
Philadelphia	St. Petersburg, Fla.
Brooklyn	Hot Springs, Ark.
St. Louis	San Antonio, Tex.
Boston	Miami, Fla.
American League	
Club	Camp
Washington	Augusta, Ga.
Boston	Hot Springs, Ark.
Chicago	Mineral Spgs., Tex.
New York	Macon, Ga.
St. Louis	Waxahatchie, Tex.
Detroit	Jacksonville, Fla.
Philadelphia	New Orleans, La.
Cleveland	

At least four eastern universities will

endeavor to secure the privilege of holding the forty-second annual championship track and field games of the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America, scheduled to be held Friday and Saturday, May 25-26, Harvard, Pennsylvania, Cornell and Princeton are all expected to extend invitations to the association at the annual meeting set for early in March. For several years the meet has alternated between Pennsylvania and Harvard, but the rivalry is likely to be keener from this time on, as both Princeton and Cornell have completed excellent tracks inside their football stadiums and are eager to stage the I. C. A. A. games.

Cornell is already sounding sentiment among the various colleges and institutions of the association and will offer excellent inducements in the way of a race track and field for the competition, perfect accommodations for the spectators and up-to-date training quarters for the athletes during their stay at Ithaca.

The athletic facilities at Schenck Field are said to be equal to any in the country, the quarter-mile track being thirty feet wide on the straight-away, with vaulting, jumping and weight pits well situated on the infield. Many close followers of college athletics are of the opinion that a change of scene for the I. C. A. A. would benefit the sport and hope to see Cornell or Princeton awarded the 1917 meet.

Reports from Australia show the strict censorship that prevails over all forms of mail matter. Recently a well-known sportsman authority desired to send a letter to boxer Les Darcy, now in this country, and instructed the communication to a friend about to sail for the States. The letter was found in his possession just before the ship left the dock. As a result he was fined \$50 and the writer \$125, after a hearing which caused the bearer of the letter to lose his passage on the ship, which sailed while he was explaining how the note got into his possession.

school tennis club, will have the school prepared by tomorrow evening.

Harry Putney will be scorer and umpire. His services have been accepted by Lloyd Trille on condition that he pay fifty cents for the flowers that are to be presented to Bob Gourman on Bob's wife's wedding day.

PUEBLO MAY BE NEW HOME TOPEKA CLUB

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
OMAHA, Jan. 15.—John Savage, present owner of the Topeka baseball club of the Western league, will be allowed to name the city that shall receive the franchise which is to leave Topeka. This was decided by club owners meeting here this afternoon. According to President E. C. Zehrung, Mr. Savage is now consulting with persons in both Pueblo, Colo., and Hutchinson, Kas., with the prevailing sentiment that Pueblo will secure the franchise. Discussion of the players' salary line was taken up at 4 o'clock. Owing to the delay in starting the meeting the magnates will continue the deliberations until late tonight, with possibility of a session tomorrow.

Abandon Club House

OMAHA, Jan. 15.—Western league baseball club owners at a meeting here tonight ordered abandoning the club house for visiting players which have been maintained since the league was organized. It was said the club houses tended to promote a "too friendly" feeling among opposing players and resulted in discontent and in revolt against league rules. A rule that a visiting team shall not appear on the field earlier than fifty minutes before the game, was adopted for the announced purpose of discouraging "fraternizing of players." Club owners said it had been their experience that about a month after opening of the season "the knocking of the league by the players got around to the fans and caused decreased attendance."

Under a ruling adopted tonight visiting teams must "parade the streets to the parks in uniforms," for the purpose it was said of advertising.

Strict enforcement of bulk rules will be observed and managers were urged to "stop the raising of the opposition by the home team and confine all coaching to encouragement of colleagues."

John Savage, owner of the Topeka franchise, which is to be placed in another city, which it was said, would either be Pueblo, Colorado, or Hutchinson, Kansas.

CHAVEZ BEATS SANDERS

DENVER, Jan. 15.—Benny Chavez of Trinidad was awarded the refereed decision over Frankie Sanders of New York at the end of a fast fifteen round bout here tonight. Chavez floored Sanders in the seventh round for a count of seven, but Sanders arose and the men fought until the going. They are father-weights.

NEW SYSTEM OF BATTING AVERAGES IS ADVOCATED.

It is generally recognized that batting is the biggest factor in baseball. It has been quite generally agreed for years also, that the present system of determining batting averages falls short of giving the comparative batting ability of ball players. Certainly a system which gives no more credit to batters making 2 "baggers" and home runs over the "dasher who generally makes scratch singles does not fill the bill.

The baseball Magazine has published a series of articles during the past year advocating "a new system" which gives credit to a batter for all the hits he makes, allowing to each hit its proper value. The old system also gives a batter credit for all the hits he makes, but lumps all hits together, placing home runs and singles on a common basis. Note how an application of the new system reorganizes the present records.

Chase, who finished second, is the leader. Wheat, who finished eighth, should rank second, while Williams, who was number 21 on the old list, should class

makes, allowing to each hit its proper value. The magazine does not advocate the abolition of the present system but emphatically urges that an extra column be added to the batting average figures. A few years ago an extra column was added to records of pitchers which resulted in giving a better line on the comparative work of pitchers. It showed runs earned by each pitcher. In the Feb. Baseball Magazine, there is another article on the new system. Below appears batting averages compiled under this new system.

Player	Batting Average (New System)	Batting Average (Old System)	Rank of Batter (Old System)
Chase	.340	.340	2
Wheat	.337	.337	8
Williams	.329	.279	21
Hornsbey	.313	.213	7
Robertson	.307	.307	1
Holke	.304	.204	1
McCarty	.283	.283	14
Cravath	.283	.283	14
Hinchman	.283	.283	14
Daubert	.276	.276	5

which such famed batters as Hornsbey, Robertson and the like, Holke, who finished first, has a number of superior hits at the bat, while Daubert, who is a good 500 man according to old rules, has a single hit taken into consideration. Obviously, a number of batters are receiving more credit than they deserve under the old system of calling a single equal to a home run, while other batters are getting far less credit than they should have.

WINS LETTERS IN 4 BRANCHES OF SPORT.



Adolph Hamblin.

Adolph Hamblin, Knox College's greatest athlete, is renowned throughout the middle west for his ability to play football, basketball, baseball and do the sports on the track. Although Hamblin is only a sophomore in school, he has won letters in these four branches of athletics.

DUNDEE K.O.'ED

Philadelphia, Jan. 15. Johnny Dundee, the New York lightweight, was knocked out by Willie Jackson, also of New York, in the first round of what was to have been a six round bout here tonight.

GOOD ROADS AID FIRE PROTECTION

A new argument for good roads was recently furnished by a severe fire at Jersey shore, Pa. This fire threatened to burn up the business section of the town, for the local water-works furnished water under a pressure inadequate to fight a real conflagration.

The town's fire department, supplemented by companies from neighboring towns, could do little because of this low pressure. Help was summoned from the city of Williamsport, 16 miles distant and in 38 minutes after the call was received a large automobile engine from that place had reached the scene and its powerful pumps saved the town. In the old days of horse-drawn equipment it would have been necessary to take the engine to the railroad yard, load it on a car, hunt up a locomotive, make the run over the railway as well as the train service would permit, and then endeavor the equipment at the place needing help. All this might possibly be done in 28 minutes but there is very little probability of it. Under the new road law, it is now possible by the means of saving a burning town; if bad, it delays the needed help, and if good it means safety. In the Pennsylvania case, the road was not a good one, but it was not a bad one, either. About half a mile has been improved, but the remainder is nothing but a hard shale road kept in as good condition as possible with the material at hand. This maintenance of the road is what saved Jersey Shore from greater loss, for persons familiar with the fighting agree that every minute saved in checking the spread of a conflagration is equivalent to the saving of a large financial loss.

STATE LEAGUE IDEA REIVED IN CALIFORNIA

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15.—Few winter seasons pass in California without the recurring agitation concerning the organization of a California state league and the present season is no exception to the rule. Base ball enthusiasts of several California cities again are seriously discussing the advisability of making up a circuit.

Among the cities interested are Sacramento, Stockton, Fresno and San Jose. The venture has been started on several occasions in the past, but for one reason or another it never has proved to be financially successful.

The ruling powers in the Pacific coast league are not opposed to such a minor league, which would be either in the D or C class. As a matter of fact, it has been said that the league organization would welcome the lesser for the reason that it would tend to develop new players, of which the Pacific coast league is badly in need.

Criticism in the past has been to the effect that the coast circuit has tended to much toward attempting to rejuvenate the castoffs of the major organizations instead of developing younger talent or its own account.

Cliff Blankenship, former Salt Lake manager, now a resident of San Francisco, has been discussing the project with him, and he thinks there should be no difficulty in organizing the league and making it self-sustaining.

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lation, this league would have, play out their schedules successfully in every part of the country," he said.

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"Jumps would be comparatively short. Players could be developed as they are developed in minor leagues all over the country and sold to the major and Class A leagues and any deficit could be met this way.

"I would favor a schedule of six games a week and a five months' playing season. And I want to see only about one veteran on any club.

Personally, I'd like to see such a league organized and I'm willing to help if the fans of the different towns showed the proper interest."

Proposed Alaska Cruise
A plan which probably is unique in the annals of Pacific coast yachting is on foot in Seattle. It contemplates a fleet, not only of coast pleasure craft, but of the Atlantic seaboard, uniting in a cruise of Alaskan waters. The Seattle Yacht Club is sponsor of the scheme and has sent invitations to all yacht clubs which, at the same time, asks for suggestions with a view of ascertaining the practicability of the idea.

As the incomplete plan stands, the trip will start from Seattle early in June. Only craft able to make an ocean speed of eight to ten knots and which will be allowed to take part, but in the benefit of yachtsmen who have

no suitable craft, it is proposed that two passenger vessels be chartered from the Canadian Pacific Railroad. The cruise will be made in what is known as the inland channel, protected by islands from the storms of the sea. The time occupied in making the cruise will be during the long period, when the sun does not set until 9 o'clock at night, rising again at 1 a. m.

Not only will the coast clubs be invited to participate, but yachting organizations on the Great Lakes, the Atlantic seaboard and the Gulf coast will be sent letters of invitation when the plans are crystallized into a definite form.

Juneau or Skagway will be the terminus of the cruise, neither having been definitely selected. If it is Skagway, a trip over the famous White Pass and Yukon railroad, following the gold trail established in the Klondike stampede, will be taken.

Points of interest along the route will be visited and stops made for hunting and fishing purposes. A water survival at Seattle will either precede or follow the cruise.

The letter is signed by Vice Commodore Captain J. S. Gibson and Directors Norman H. Lattimer and A. W. Leonard of the Seattle Yacht Club, the committee appointed to take care of the matter.

Many Pots Filled

According to an estimate given by Warden F. M. Brown, of Portland approximately 150,000 ducks, geese,

ducks and geese were killed during the open season of 1916 by the hunters of four counties; namely, Multnomah, Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook counties. There were approximately 7,000 shooting in Multnomah county, 1,200 in Columbia, 2,000 in Clatsop and 500 in Tillamook, making a total of 10,700 game birds.

Little Is Sportsome

There is activity in practically every line of sport in Butte, Montana, and athletes look forward to one of the best sporting years on record during the present year. Boxing is said to be meeting with unprecedented success and there is unusual interest in the plans for next season's football.

GIVEN FRENCH CROSS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

VENICE (via Paris), Jan. 15.—The French war cross was today pinned on Captain Gabrielle d'Annunzio, the poet, who also was for the first time the insignia for the wounded, having lost an eye in an aeroplane accident early in February 1915. A complimentary letter from General Laurier, the French minister of war, accompanied the war cross.

Two young women fell to the floor at a dancing pavilion Sunday from exhaustion as a result of dancing too hard recently. They were taken to a hospital unconscious, but later were found to be in good health.

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